

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S.J. Res. 33, Debt Limit Increase.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9127–S9166*

**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3379–3395, S.J. Res. 33, and S. Res. 478–479. **Pages S9161–62**

#### Measures Passed:

**Debt Limit Increase:** By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 498), Senate passed S.J. Res. 33, joint resolution relating to increasing the debt limit. **Pages S9134–53**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 497), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Pages S9133–34**

**NASA Enhanced Use Leasing Extension Act:** Senate passed H.R. 5746, to amend title 51, United States Code, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9155**

Cantwell Amendment No. 4893, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9155**

**STANDUP Act:** Senate passed S. 1543, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide best practices on student suicide awareness and prevention training and condition State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and tribal educational agencies receiving funds under section 520A of such Act to establish and implement a school-based student suicide awareness and prevention training policy, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9155–56**

**Federal Rotational Cyber Workforce Program Act:** Senate passed S. 1097, to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce. **Pages S9156–57**

**American Diabetes Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 479, supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month. **Page S9157**

#### House Messages:

**National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1605, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue in Orlando, Florida, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Page S9134**

Pending:

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill. **Page S9134**

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 4880 (to the House amendment), to add an effective date. **Page S9134**

Schumer Amendment No. 4881 (to Amendment No. 4880), to modify the effective date. **Page S9134**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 86 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 496), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill. **Pages S9133–34**

Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 4882, to add an effective date, fell when cloture was invoked on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill. **Page S9134**

Schumer Amendment No. 4883 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4882) of the motion to refer), to modify the effective date, fell when Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the

bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 4882 (listed above) fell. **Page S9134**

Schumer Amendment No. 4884 (to Amendment No. 4883), to modify the effective date, fell when Schumer Amendment No. 4883 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4882) of the motion to refer) (listed above) fell. **Page S9134**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 15, 2021; that at 11:30 a.m., Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 4880 (to the House amendment) (listed above) be withdrawn, and Senate vote on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill; that following disposition of the House message to accompany the bill, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Jennifer Sung, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; and that at 2:15 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Samantha D. Elliott, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire. **Page S9165**

**Elliott Nomination:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Samantha D. Elliott, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire. **Pages S9127–33**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 495), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S9127–33**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Thea D. Rozman Kendler, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Alanna McCargo, of Virginia, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association.

Dawn N. Ison, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Nickolas Guertin, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense.

John Bradley Sherman, of Texas, to be Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense.

Carrie Frances Ricci, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S9153–55**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S9160**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S9160–61**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S9159–60**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S9165**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S9165**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—498) **Pages S9133–34, S9142**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:21 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9165.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 11 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Space Force.

### STABLECOINS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine stablecoins, focusing on how they work, how they are used, and their risks, after receiving testimony from Alexis Goldstein, Open Markets Institute, New York, New York; and Dante Alighieri Disparte, Circle, Jai Massari, Davis Polk and Wardwell, LLP, and Hilary J. Allen, American University Washington College of Law, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Donald Armin Blome, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Eric M. Garcetti, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, who was introduced by Senator Padilla, and Amy Gutmann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, who was introduced by Senators Toomey and Casey, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.